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Rule Revisions to be Considered

Water Works Certification Fees – Chapter 246-292 WAC Water System Evaluation and Project Review and Approval Fees – Chapter 246-290 WAC

Systems affected

All certified water works operators from Group A and B water systems, and individuals or entities requiring review of water system plans, project reports, construction documents, existing systems and related evaluations, design reports, monitoring waiver requests, and other evaluations, approvals, special reports and/or plans as outlined in Chapter 246-290 WAC.

Purpose of rule change

The Department of Health is authorized under RCW 43.20B.020 to charge fees for services that may be sufficient to cover the full cost of services provided or may be charged on an ability-to-pay basis.

Under RCW 43.70.250, it is the policy of Washington State that the cost of each professional, occupational, or business licensing program be fully borne by the members of the profession, occupation, or business.

Likewise, the department is required under RCW 70.119.160 to set operator certification fees at a level that is sufficient to recover the costs of the program.

The Office of Drinking Water is proposing to raise fees for fiscal year 2005. The increases are necessary because the total revenue that the program obtains from fees is less than the cost incurred to provide services.

Key issues of public interest

The proposed fee increases are necessary to ensure continued protection of public health by enabling the Office of Drinking Water to maintain current service activities and meet program costs such as costs of new federal requirements, salary and other staff related increases.

Rule development timeline

- Develop Draft Regulations – February 2005
- Public Hearing – May 2005
- Rule Adoption – June 2005
- Rule Effective – July 2005

How to get involved

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